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RE: DOCKET NO. 98N-1265

To the FDA:

I send this letter as a consumer of health care services to register my concern and disapproval of the Memorandum of Understanding as published by the FDA on January 21, 1999.

In its present form, the MOU, as well as the Compounding Section 503A of the Modernization Act, has the consequence of restricting the rights of physicians and patients to obtain healthcare products from the provider of their choice. It also infringes on the rights of compounding pharmacists to serve the public's medical needs. As a healthcare consumer there should be no restrictions to the delivery of compounded medication prescribed for me, regardless of where I live or travel. It is thus imperative that the MOU be amended so that the rights of physicians and patients are not restricted.

The FDA's mission as an agency of the U.S. Government is to serve to guard public safety. The restrictions inherent in the present form of the MOU has consequences not related to consumer safety. In fact, in restricting access to prescribed medication, the MOU would have a negative impact on access to health care.

Sincerely,



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